

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 1705

Tadashi FUJII et al.

Docket No. 2001-0116A

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Group Art Unit 1652

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Examiner Christian L. Fronda

GENE PARTICIPATING IN THE PRODUCTION OF HOMOGLUTAMIC ACID AND ITS USE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Amendment dated March 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 10, lines 15-19, please replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus, not limited thereto, but as one of the "genes participating in the production of homoglutamic acid", there can be mentioned a gene which is contained in the insert part of plasmid pCF213 and encoding a protein having dehydrogenase activity. For example, this gene is present in the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, and the protein encoded thereby is shown in SEQ ID NO: 10.